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Renata B. Hesse  
Antitrust Division  
U.S. Justice Department

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to you to urge the Justice Department not to settle the anti-trust law suit with Microsoft.

I am a software engineer with over twenty years of experience. I currently work for a financial trading company working on trading software. So when I write that I strongly believe that Microsoft is a major anti-competitive force in my industry, I am writing to you without direct financial interest in the out come of the law suit. I would like to see a software industry where there are more diverse software choices. A vigorous pursuit of the anti-trust suit against Microsoft will produce this result.

I could write at length discussing how Microsoft's past actions and current undertakings strangle competition through their sheer size in the market place. But given the number of e-mails I'm sure you will get on this topic, such a long missive would probably be out of place. I would be happy to comment at some future date if it would be of interest to the Justice Department.

Rather than go on at length I will simply request again that the US Justice Department not settle their anti-trust case with Microsoft. Thank you for your time.

Yours,

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